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of the Gospel History and the Divinity of Christ, during the season of Lent 1798. These were attended by numbers, and the stile of his eloquence, simple, grave, and unaffected, joined to the importance of the subject, and the well-known character of the speaker, gave them a weight and efficacy which could not but be attended with the happiest effect.

His public preaching was not confined to these. He was always ready to assist

the public charities by his elocution; and during his residence in the country, frequently took a large share of the duty of public instruction. He has also published many small tracts on religious subjects, written for particular occasions.

He died in the 78th year of his age, leaving a shining example to all his successors in the sacred office, which cannot be too much admired, or too closely imitated.

AGRICULTURAL REPORT.

From May 20, till June 20.

SINCE last report, the weather from being extremely hot, changed to wet, cold, and tempestuous, unusual at this season.

The crops on poor or light soils, which were suffering from the want of moisture, have been rather improved by the rain, and the general appearance indicates a tolerable produce.

Wheat in particular, looks well, the late sown crops, which at the beginning of the season appeared thin, have come forward beyond expectation.

In some districts where the land is flat, there are complaints of the potatoes having suffered by the late heavy rains, which rotted the sets in the drills. If farmers would get more into the practice of making the drill furrow very shallow, they would seldom suffer by wet weather, and the quality of their potatoes would be greatly improved by it; the writer of this report, has been many years in the habit of doing so, and experienced the best effects from the practice. To a defect in this respect is principally to be attributed the difference between the quality of potatoes raised in the drill and lazy bed way, so much complained of.

Great complaints of the flax crops are made over the whole country; and with too much justice; the prospect of a scarcity of that article never appeared so great as at the present moment; last year's crop was a bad one, and flax is now so scarce and dear that it is supposed there are not more than one half of the spinners employed at the wheel.

The new American seed that came late into the country, has the best appearance in the fields; but unless the season prove very favourable, there is not much reason to expect a good produce from such late sowing. In short if some favourable change does not take place, there is much reason for apprehending that our staple manufacture, will suffer from the want of the raw material.

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

If the politician have to complain of blunders in the general mode of conducting the war, commercial men have no less reason to complain of the mode of carrying on the war against trade: and probably the errors in both cases may be traced in a considerable degree to the people, without exclusively confining the blame to administration.— It is generally confessed on all hands that the business of flax-seed has been miserably mismanaged this year. The British orders in council, roused the Americans to lay an embargo on their trade, and of course to prevent the exportation of flax-seed from that country. The internal restrictions on the trade of Russia, and Holland, likewise prevented our receiving a supply from those countries. In the prospect of these difficulties a meeting of linen drapers was invited to assemble at Armagh for the purpose of petitioning the executive and legislature to afford substantial relief by acting so towards America, as to induce her government to rescind the embargo; and by prudent and well timed concession remove the difficulties, which obstructed a full supply from that quarter. "No," say the majority at this meeting, preferring some undefined notions of loyalty, and of not interfering with the wisdom and infallibility of his Majesty's ministers, "we will not adopt this measure of petitioning; we will address Mr. Foster to remove our difficulties." Well! the Chancellor of the Irish Exchequer is addressed, in very indefinite terms, without clearly telling what is wanted; he feels the